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Girls

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our size if we can knock down shots from the outside.”

Neoga increased its lead to 20 midway through the fourth, 37-17 and still led by 20, 39-19, when Arcola scored the final six points to make the score a little more respectable.

“We just struggled offensively in this game tonight,” said Roberts. “It was one of our lowest outputs of the season (23 vs. Tri-County). They have some good length and they kept the middle closed and we were not able to hit big shots from the outside (2-of-17 from beyond the 3-point line). It was hard to get in a rhythm to do anything.”

Sydney Richards had a double-double for Neoga with a team-high 14 points, including 10 in the first half and 10 rebounds. Brynn Richards was also in double digits with 10 points.

Romack gave credit to Arcola for rebounding.

“We normally rebound well, but Arcola was a good rebounding team,” said Romack. “I felt like they boxed out really well. Arcola is not small by any means, but they boxed out well and I felt like they rebounded well tonight. That was one of the areas we struggled in.”

Arcola won the rebound battle 36-34.

Kessler led Arcola with nine points, while Sisk and Thomas had 11 and 10 rebounds respectively.

“Makenzie Thomas got a lot of rebounds in the first half and rebounded the ball very well,” said Roberts. “It was the best she has done all year. Actually as a team, I thought we rebounded the ball the best we have all year.”

Junior varsity

The Arcola junior varsity lost 23-19 in two eight minute quarters. The Lady Riders did fight to within two after trailing 13-0, 21-19, before falling by four.

Crystal Ramirez led AHS with 10 points in what was their final game of the season.

Varsity				
Central A&M	13	2	13	12-40
Arcola	14	8	8	16-46

ARCOLA: Eva Hopkins 2-2-8, Jacey Kessler 4-0-11, Kelsey Moore 0-7-7, Makenzie Thomas 4-0-8, Sisk 3-6-12, Reyli Vega 0-0-0, Vanessa Condarco 0-0-0, Totals 13-13-46

3-point goals: Arcola 5-14 .357 (Kessler 3-5, Hopkins 2-3, Moore 0-5, Vega 0-1), Central A&M 6-15 .400 (Jilyan Burgener 3-6, Julia Corzine 1-4, Lyndi Woods 1-2, Jayne Damery 1-1, Alana Harlow 0-2)

Rebounds: Arcola 36 (Thomas 11), Central A&M 28 (Owen Hardimon 7). Turnovers: Arcola 16, Central A&M 13. Free throw shooting: Arcola 13-24 .542, Central A&M 2-9 .222. Bench points: Arcola 0, Central A&M 3. Field goal shooting: Arcola 13-40 .325, Central A&M 16-46 .348

Neoga	7	14	8	10-39
Arcola	5	6	4	10-25

ARCOLA: Hopkins 0-3-3, Kessler 2-4-9, Moore 1-3-6, Thomas 1-1-3, Sisk 2-0-4, Vega 0-0-0, Ramirez 0-0-0, Condarco 0-0-0, Vazquez 0-0-0, Totals 6-11-25



AHS GIRLS BASKETBALL - Senior Eva Hopkins (4) in the last varsity game of the regular season played on Monday, Feb. 9. Arcola lost the non-conference game to Neoga 51-50. Photo by Nancy Rairden.



AHS GIRLS BASKETBALL - Sophomore Kacie Sisk (23) goes in for a layup in the last varsity game of the regular season played on Monday, Feb. 9. Arcola lost the non-conference game to Neoga 51-50. Photo by Nancy Rairden.

3-point goals: Arcola 2-17 .118 (Kessler 1-5, Moore 1-4, Hopkins 0-4, Thomas 0-1, Sisk 0-3), Neoga 1-8 (Allison Sampson 1-1, Sydney Hackman 0-4, Sydney Richards 0-3). Rebounds: Arcola 36 (Sisk 11, Thomas 10), Neoga 34 (Sydney Richards 10). Turnovers: Arcola 23, Neoga 15. Free throw shooting: Arcola 11-16 .688, Neoga 2-2 1.000. Bench points: Arcola 0, Neoga 0. Field goal

shooting: Arcola 6-41 .146, Neoga 18-49 (.367).

Junior varsity			
Neoga	17	6-23	
Arcola	7	12-19	

ARCOLA: Ramirez 4-2-10, Ema Simpson 0-0-0, Ava Simpson 1-2-5, Hayden Gauna 1-2-4, Kiera Leal 0-0-0, Alessia Menoud 0-0-0, Shelby Roberts-McGeehon

0-0-0, Kaydence Nichols 0-0-0, Totals 6-6-19

3-point goals: Arcola 1 (Ava Simpson 1) **Class 1A Regional at Arcola** (Seeds and records through 2/11/23 in parentheses)

Saturday

Game 1: Okaw Valley 51, Meridian (9, 6-22) 43
Game 2: Central A&M 54, Heritage 11, 1-19) 13

Monday

Game 3: Tri-County 53, Okaw Valley (8, 10-21) 30

Game 4: Arcola (3, 21-8) 46, Central A&M (6, 18-13) 40

Friday, Feb. 17

Game 5: Tri-County (2, 23-6) vs. Arcola (3, 22-8), 7 pm. Winner advances to the Casey-Westfield Sectional vs. winner of Neoga regional, Feb. 21, 6 p.m.

Boys to host first game of regional

By Mike Monahan

ARCOLA – Receiving a sixth seed in the Class 1A Tuscola Regional allows the Arcola boys basketball team to host No. 13 seeded Georgetown Notre Dame de La Salette at 1 p.m. Saturday.

Arcola was 13-13 prior to Thursday’s final regular season game at Heritage, while Notre Dame de la Salette is the 13th seed in sub-sectional A of the Altamont Sectional (16 teams).

If Arcola wins Saturday they will play Wednesday, Feb. 22, against the winner of the Heritage (14th seed) and Okaw Valley (4th seed) game at 7:30 p.m. at Tuscola in the regional semifinals.

The championship game is set for 7 p.m. Feb. 24

Tuscola is the top seeded team and took a 23-6 record into home games against Neoga and Central A&M to close their regular season.

2023 Class 1A regional at Tuscola

(Seeds and record if known in parentheses through last Saturday)

Saturday

Game 1: Tri-County (15, 5-23) at Tuscola (1, 23-6), TBA

Game 2: Chrisman (12, 10-19) at Villa Grove (9, 11-17), 4 p.m.

Game 3; Heritage (14, 7-20) at Okaw Valley (4, 14-11), 1 p.m.

Game 4; Georgetown Notre Dame de la Salette (13, n/a) at Arcola (6, 13-13), 1 p.m.

Wednesday at Tuscola

Game 5: Winner of game 1 vs. Winner of game 2, 6 p.m.

Game 6; Winner of game 3 vs. Winner of game 4, 7:30 p.m.

Friday

Game 7: Winner of game 5 vs. Winner of game 6, regional championship, 7 p.m.

Winner advances to Altamont Sectional vs. winner of South Central regional, March 1, 7 p.m.

Arcola Sports through Feb. 22

High school boys basketball

Thursday
Arcola at Heritage, 6 p.m.

Saturday
Georgetown de la Salle at Arcola Class 1A regional, 1 p.m.

Wednesday
If Arcola won Saturday, play winner of Heritage vs. Okaw Valley, Class 1A regional, 7:30 p.m. at Tuscola

Friday
If Arcola won Saturday and Wednesday play for Class 1A regional champi-

onship at Tuscola, 7 p.m.

High school girls basketball

Friday
Class 1A regional championship at Arcola, 7 p.m.

Junior high volleyball

Monday
Arcola at Windsor vs. Windsor/Stewardson-Strasburg, 6 p.m.

Tuesday
Arcola at Argenta-Oreana, 6 p.m.

Junior high volleyball falls in conference tournament

By Mike Monahan

CERRO GORDO – Both the seventh and eighth grade junior high volleyball teams were eliminated from the Junior High Okaw Conference tournament Saturday. The seventh grade lost to Arthur-Lovington-Atwood-Hammond 25-16, 25-6 and eighth grade fell 25-11, 25-7.

Earlier in the week both teams went three sets with Tuscola at home, but lost. The eighth grade fell 25-18, 23-25, 26-24 and the seventh grade lost 25-11, 23-25, 25-13.

The seventh grade tries for their first win (0-9) on Monday at Windsor against Windsor/Stewardson-Strasburg, while the eighth grade is 1-8 and also plays Monday against W/SS.

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